Mr. I. N. Menon.—These appointments were sanctioned at different times when the financial condition was different. There is no special rationale for giving one scale to one and another scale to the other. It so happened that at the time the lower grade Quran Teachers were appointed Rs. 20 were given and when the Hebrew Teachers were appointed the minimum was fixed at Rs. 15 with an increment. There is no special reason.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to make the pay of the Hebrew Teacher the same as given to the Arabic Teacher?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Before I can give an exact answer to that question I must first ascertain the number of teachers that will have to be affected by this increase and see whether I can recommend that to the Government immediately. But certainly the matter will be considered.

State Fishery Schools—curriculam of studies in.

8. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many Fishery Schools are there in the State;

(2) how many classes are there in such schools;

(3) what are the subjects taught in such schools;

(4) are practical lessons in Fishery given in such schools; if so, what are the qualifications of teachers who give instructions in such subjects;

(5) who carries on the annual inspection of such schools;

(6) is not the State Fishery Inspector a specialist in fishery subjects; is there any scope for him to make practical use of his knowledge in his present work?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Five.

(2) Four classes in 2 schools, three in 2 schools and two in one school.

(3) The subjects generally taught in other English Primary schools in the State as well as Pisciculture.

(4) Yes. The teachers are specialists in Fishery, having been trained for 2 years' in the Fishery Training Institution, Calicut.

(5) The Superintendent of Vernacular Education was carrying on the inspection work. No inspection has been con-

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ducted this year as the post of the Superintendent was abolished. (Proposals are under consideration for the inspection of these schools).

(6) Yes.

Dental Department—opening of.

9. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a dental department at the General Hospital, Ernakulam or elsewhere;

(b) if so, are there not medical officers already in the service who are eminently qualified to be in charge of the new Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes; at the General Hospital, Ernakulam and the Civil Hospital, Trichur.

(b) None.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know what is the qualification required for the officer in charge of the new Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He must have a registered qualification as a Dental Surgeon.

Maternity Ward—Chittur Hospital—opening of.

10. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) whether any representation has been made either to the Government or to His Highness the Maharaja about the need for the opening of Maternity Ward in the Chittur Hospital;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the said need;

(c) if so, what has been the result of such enquiries;

(d) if answer to (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to answer what effect they have given to such representations;

(2) (a) whether there are facilities for maternity ward in any of the hospitals in Chittur Taluk;

(b) whether the doctors have often to attend maternity cases outside hospitals;

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